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N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bro. Ivey has an article on 7th page which all Alliancemen should read.

It looks like the Populist caucus has decided to table the bolters. The bolters will be lucky if they escape a worse fate when their constituents get a whack at them.

Did you ever notice the large number of people who will walk into an office on a cold day and leave the door open? And still we prate about civilization and intelligence.

Don't fail to read Bro. T. Ivey's article on 7th page on the subject of Guano. We set aside the Agency Price List this week in order to give space for this article.

The wealthy owners of horses in New York do not allow stablemen to use loud or profane language about the stables. Right. But we have noticed that the same New Yorkers use profane language in the presence of ladies.

To a man up a tree it appears that the Populists nominated some extremely sorry timber for the legislature last year. It also seems that they nominated at least one or two Republicans for Congress and one or two for other high offices.

A McKinley organ comes forward with the startling announcement that "the more the people talk hard times the harder they get." True as preaching. But what troubles us most is the fact that the more the gold standardites talk about soft times the harder they get.

We have received a copy of the Green Level News, issued weekly by the students of Green Level Academy, Ewing, N. C. It is a unique publication, being written with a pencil. Neither type nor press is used. It contains editorials and local news, and has a new editor every week.

A lot of board of trade gamblers and bank stock manipulators are holding a "Monetary Reform" convention at Indianapolis this week. Whatever they do may be regarded with the same spirit that a flock of sheep might regard the conspiring of a gang of wolves.—Chicago Express.

One of our constituents complains that the "hands," our legislators, are working too little. He notices that they meet at 11 o'clock and adjourn at 2. As a matter of fact all the members are on various committees and they do their committee work, caucus and write bills when not in regular session, then they go to the capital and thresh out laws for three hours.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the celebration of the sixty-second anniversary of the Emancipation and Philomathesian Societies of Wake Forest College, on the 12th of February. Doubtless a large crowd will be present. Wake Forest College is one of the great educational institutions of the country, and those who attend the public exercises are never disappointed.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTION.

The election of Senator came up in the legislature on the 19th. Pritchard lacked one vote of getting a majority of the Senate, though he had a majority of the members, hence a joint vote was taken on the 20th in compliance with the rules. Eighty-eight Republicans voted for Pritchard, forty-two Populists and one Democrat voted for Dr. Cyrus Thompson, and thirty-three Democrats voted for Mr. Doughton, late Lieutenant Governor. Thus the gold bugs won their victory, and their methods were the most infamous ever known in the political history of the State. They could not win with their own forces, but went into the camp of a party which has been co-operating with them, believing it to be the best thing to do for the welfare of the State, and by schemes, which we hope will soon be fully exposed (if the investigating committee already appointed does its duty.) Until that committee has a chance we will not publish any of the evidence.

After the bolt from the caucus, the regular Populist caucus invited such of the bolting members as had pledged their vote to Pritchard back again. But they all refused, and on last Wednesday night the Populist caucus met and declared that none of them should ever be allowed in the caucus again, but proposed at the same time to carry out in good faith any previous agreements with the Republicans according to the terms of co-operation, provided the Republicans deal with the Populists and not with the bolters and traitors. In this action the Populists have put the Republicans and the bolters in a pretty deep hole. The Populists have proven their courage and patriotism, and the Republicans, since the exciting Senatorial contest has ended, now begin to realize what they ought to have known before, that Harry Skinner and the other rag tag and bobtail they have secured is likely to be an elephant on their hands.

SELECTING A LEADER.

After he was elected Pritchard praised Harry Skinner to the skies and said Skinner will now be the leader of the Populist party.

Populists how do you like that? A goldbug Republican selects your leader and bids you follow him. Are you ready for that?

In our opinion the last grand act of leadership to be displayed by Harry Skinner will be to lead the little army of bolters up to the Hanna-McKioley pie counter. There and then his leadership will forever end and he will then find refuge in the Hanna camp just as Dr. Zertucha found a safe retreat inside the lines of the Spanish army after he had led Gen. Macco into the trap where he was to be killed.

CURIOUS COMMERCIAL AGENCY TALK.

Dun says the one encouraging feature of the matter is that the 15,286 commercial failures last year, were nearly all unsound concerns, anyway. Inasmuch as the epidemic still continues at the rate of about 400 failures a week, it would appear that the "unsound" concerns are not wiped out yet. Can it be that such a large per cent. of our business firms are really unsound, or is it the system under which they are trying to operate that is unsound?

The 15,286 failures represent only those concerns owing more than the assets amount to. There were many other failures and numerous liquidations. Is it possible that all, or even a large per cent. of the 45,000 concerns failing during the past three years were unsound enterprises? We do not believe it. Most of the badly managed enterprises went under in 1893. During the following three years manufacturing concerns and mercantile houses which have made money and stood up against everything for many years went down like reeds bending to a storm.

During the last week in December there were 488 failures, the largest number ever recorded, and this was after "confidence had been restored" nearly 60 days, and the record grows larger every week. It is adding insult to injury to say that they are unsound concerns. We do not believe a word of it.

DON'T TAKE A SUBSTITUTE.

A recent article in the New York Times says that "we are confronted with the serious problem of how to prevent keepers of drug stores from palming off some preparations of their own in place of goods that are guaranteed to be pure and wholesome, and which are put up in original packages, with the name and trade-mark of the manufacturer on them."

No large and profitable sale can be obtained for any article which has not merit behind it. The advertiser merely makes known the quality of the article he has to sell, and his profits come from the steady demand of retail cus-

tomers, who find by experience that the article is what it is represented to be. He makes his goods on a large scale, saves all possible economies, and, naturally, can make the best article. But the keen competition of business brings a constant pressure upon the retailer to substitute an inferior article for one on which there is a living profit.

There are many non-secret manufacturers of drugs in this country who will put up an imitation of a medicine, with the name and label of the local druggist who sells it on every package. The druggist who buys these goods has no guarantee that they are pure, and, as a matter of fact, they are frequently adulterated with comparatively harmless drugs, which cost, however, much less than the real drug.

When you ask in a drug store for any particular article that you want, and are put off with the answer that the druggist has another, made by himself, which is not only better, but cheaper, take care! You can always afford to pay a few cents more for that article which has a record of years of results back of it.

DEFENCE OF WATSON.

The suggestion that Mr. Watson is using his influence to secure the reelection of Senator Pritchard in North Carolina is probably without foundation. Whatever may be said of Mr. Watson, he is not double faced. He is against trimming and dickering in politics. It would probably be gratifying to him to see Marion Butler turned down in North Carolina, but he would not stultify himself in order to assist in bringing about that result.—Savannah News, Dem.

ABOUT TOADYISM.

You know what "toadyism" is. Well, you ought to have been in Raleigh last week and have seen for your self. Did you ever know a man of "position and standing" (as they call it), to despise another man who, for some reason or other, had no "position and standing"? And did you ever know such a despised man to rise to "position and standing," by some means or other? And then did you believe how suddenly the first man's attitude to this once despised man changed; how he bowed to him, fawned upon him and servilely flattered him? That is toadyism. You heard some months ago of a violent, disgraceful enemy of the State who was running for Governor. Last week that same man was taken right into the anxious arms of "high society." They gave him a reception and a dance, and appointed a committee to make punch (that is a mixture of whiskey and other stuff); all of which is society at the top notch, in full dress, low neck and short sleeves, you know. The new Governor may thank the people for electing him to office, but he is expected to be forever grateful (even to the extent of forgetting the people and letting up in his effort against the "leaves" of the North Carolina Railroad) to the Capital Club (cards, punch and dances free) for getting him into society, which has secured for him henceforth the recognition of the real people, the truly good. But we infer from the Governor's ringing utterances on the "leaves" that his taste for toadyism, snobbery, punch and dances is not so easy to cultivate.—Biblical Recorder.

PUBLIC TELEGRAPH.

When you pay \$1 for a ten word dispatch to California or elsewhere in our nation you are highway robbed of 90 cents.

The total surplus "earned" by the Western Union Telegraph Company during the year ending June 30, 1896, was \$7,643,693. This is 40 per cent. on the actual value of the plant.

Why should not every postoffice be a telegraph station under government control?

Strike your congressman while the iron is hot for government control of the telegraph.

Make the subject of government control of the telegraph a matter of interest to candidates for congress of any and all parties.

Last year the telegraph lines of Great Britain, owned by the government, transmitted over 80,000,000 messages. In this country the Western Union monopoly handled very little over two thirds that number. However, what the latter lacked in business it made up in charges. The difference is that on the other side the business is done at cost for the benefit of all the people, while in this country users of the telegraph are compelled to pay all the traffic will bear for the benefit of a private monopoly. How much longer are we going to stand it? Relief is in sight. See or write to your senators and congressmen and insist that they vote for the bills now pending in both houses for the establishment of a postal telegraph.—Typographical Journal.

"THE PEOPLE ARE OUT OF DEBT."

A Dialogue

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

TUTOR—GEORGE—HARRY
George.—Where, by whom and for what purpose was the expression, "the people are out of debt" used?

Tutor.—It is a quotation from the Report of Mr. McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, made to Congress soon after the close of the war. His purpose was to fund, or invest, in interest bearing bonds the paper currency that had carried them safely through the war, and then destroy same. The work of funding and destroying was soon thereafter commenced, in accordance with his recommendation.

Harry.—If the currency was sufficiently good to keep the people out of debt, and as a result make times good, why did he wish to destroy it?

Tutor.—The object appears to have been two fold.

1. To devise a cheap and easy mode of redemption. The paper currency was understood to be a debt, redeemable in coin. Consequently the currency destroyed would virtually be so much redeemed.

2. It was alleged that by decreasing the volume of paper currency sufficiently it could be raised to par, it then being considerably below par, measured by gold or silver coin.

G.—Did said destruction result in any practical benefit?

T.—No. After destroying a vast amount of currency and after starting the people on the broad road to indebtedness and ruin Congress in May, 1868, ordered further destruction to cease.

H.—Can you tell us the amount of currency that was destroyed?

T.—Commencing in 1865 and ending in 1868 over one billion two hundred and fifty one million dollars were funded into bonds and the currency destroyed, (more accurately \$1,251,473,900).

G.—The enormity of said sum will not be comprehended by the average reader. Can it not be made plainer?

T.—It can, and the following comparison will convey a good idea of the vast sum: A Bible is said to contain two million, seven hundred and twenty eight thousand one hundred (2,728,100) letters. Now if we consider every letter a dollar it will require over 458½ Bibles to represent the above sum.

H.—Did not the admission of the Southern States virtually work a further contraction?

T.—Yes. The population of the Southern States was about 50 per cent that of the Northern States and consequently we should add 50 per cent to the Bibles, making 687½.

G.—Do I understand you to say that it would require the issuing of as many dollars of new currency as there are letters in 687½ Bibles to give us the currency, per capita, that the Northern States had at the close of the war?

T.—That is precisely what I say, and as the population has since increased from 39,000,000 to about 70,000,000 the Bibles should be increased proportionately, thus raising them to 1,604½. In order that we may get out of debt and have a country fit to live in there should, with as little delay as circumstances will admit of, be a proper issue of full legal tender U. S. Treasury notes, irredeemable in coin.

H.—What do you think of coin redemption?

T.—It is not only unnecessary but is highly mischievous and vicious. Fiat money, whether composed of gold, silver or paper, backed by the property and laws of the government, is far safer and better than coin redemption. Franklin in speaking of money matters said: "The legal tender quality of the bank of Venice was a greater advantage than coin redemption."

BRYAN TYSON,

Raleigh, N. C.

THE OLD GUARD.

Subscriptions, Renewals and Kind Words Extracted From Letters.

—Jonas P. Saur, Gaston county, sends four renewals for which we are, rate ful.

—J. R. Smith, Martin county, sends three renewals and will please accept thanks.

—J. P. Tucker, Lenoir county, sends five renewals. Thanks. Bro. Tucker is a hustler.

—D. J. Hamrick, Cleveland county, sends four renewals and says he will send more soon.

—W. P. Jordan, Perquimans county, renews and says: "Can't do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER."

—R. C. Scott, Guilford county, renews and writes that he "don't want to do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER."

—Miss N. N. Miller, Lenoir county, renews and writes that she wants to see the statement that the shoe factory is at work.

—Chauncey Farrand, Moore county, renews and writes: "THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is truly the Farmers' Friend."

Your politics are sound. Give more like them."

—J. S. Dixon, Halifax county, renews and writes: "Think THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the best all round paper in the State, and it has no superior anywhere."

—J. E. Holder, Forsyth county, renews and writes that Clemmonsville Alliance is small in numbers, but is strong in the faith, and nearly in favor of starting the shoe factory.

—G. M. Barringer, Rowan county, renews, writes: "Times are hard, but I can't do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Continue to hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

—T. E. Cartright, Princess Anna county, Va., renews and writes: "Your paper is a welcome and valuable weekly visitor. Money is scarce, but I love the truth, and cannot do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER."

—J. O. Freeman, Bertie county, renews and writes: "THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is almost a household necessity. It is the best all round newspaper in the State. Every farmer, every citizen ought to read it."

—T. L. Green, Halifax county, sends three renewals and writes: "I have been reading your paper eight years and find it is advocating the same principles it has always taught. Wish it could be read in every home in the Union."

—The following have also subscribed, renewed or sent same for others: E. C. Severs, Ashe county; T. J. Sutton, Wayne; N. N. Strickland, Franklin; T. N. Richardson, Nash; John E. Pitt; W. J. Davis, Edgecombe; J. H. Brown, Transylvania; P. H. Spencer, Wayne; Louis Neppach, West Port, Oregon; J. C. Neal, Davis, Texas; J. J. Reep, Robeson; J. M. O. Rymer, Rowan; C. C. Gore, Columbus; R. S. Parker, Northampton; D. McCain, Carteret; W. R. Wiggins, Warren; J. W. Leggett, Beaufort; W. O. Burne, Pitt; F. Ivey, Orange; T. J. Adkins, Iredell; J. D. Sewell, Hertford; Gardner Bryan, Alamance; R. F. White, Alexander; J. W. Desning, Sampson; E. A. Moser, Forsythe; C. F. Haywood, Montgomery; Mord Taylor, Duplin, and others.

TO BE MARRIED.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. J. Wayland Jones, of this city, to Miss Fannie W. Giddens, of Goldsboro, to occur at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Giddens, on the 27th inst. Miss Giddens is one of Goldsboro's brightest and highly cultured young ladies, and has many friends in Raleigh. Mr. Jones is a native of Wake county and a popular young salesman, having been with Whiting Bros. for several years.

Dr. and Mrs. Julius Faison, of this city, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Laura, to Mr. Fred Walters, formerly of Wake Forest, now with the firm of W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. The marriage will occur on Feb. 3rd at the First Baptist Church in this city. Miss Faison and Mr. Walters are well known here and throughout the State, and both have a host of friends.

ALL SIGNS FAILED IN MAINE.

Uncle Solon Chase's Chickens Deceived Him About the Election.

We expected that Bryan would be elected and made arrangements to celebrate. I raised a lot of corn this year and had built a new cornhouse. We were so sure that the free silver men would sweep Bryan in that we were going to paint that cornhouse red and had the paint all mixed ready for use when we got the news of Bryan's election. We have not used the paint, and the celebration is postponed until 1900. The barrel of tar we have on hand will keep until 1900. By that time multitudes will see that the cause of our trouble is a short crop of gold.

All of the signs pointed to Bryan's election. I had two litters of chickens that came out on the same day in August. One hen came off the nest with 16 chicks and the other with one. The one goldbug chick wanted the old hen to hover him all the time. He wouldn't hunt bugs nor scratch; he wanted to eat and dive under the old hen's wing with a "yip."

The flock of sixteen began to hunt bugs and scratch for worms before they were a week old. After the old hen weaned 'em they would come home at noon to get their dinner and come home for their supper at night, and then go into their coop in a bunch. After they were all in asleep I put their breakfast in the coop and shut up the door to guard against skunks. When I opened the coop in the morning they had eaten their breakfast and were ready for a day's work. They would swing their wings and jump up into my face and then take a bee line up the side hill back of the house.

When I got home after I had been away a week stumping for Bryan and

Sewall, them chicks would fly up and "lite" on my head and shoulders, and I could walk around, carrying on my person as many as ten of 'em. They grew twice as fast as the goldbug chick. There was plenty of corn in the trough but the goldbug chick didn't want to eat anything unless he could steal it.

On the morning of November 3, before I got up, there was a big outcry in the hen house. The neighbors heard the racket and came. When we got there we found six roosters of the sixteen crowing with all their might, and the ten pullets of the sixteen were crowing, too, but them pullets made a noise somewhat like the goldbugs made when at the close of some of my meetings they would cheer half heartily for McKinley.

When on the morning of November 3, before daylight, we saw them sixteen chickens crowing with all their might we took it to be a sure sign that when the sun went down that night the boy, Bryan, would be the President elect of the United States, and we mixed the paint to paint the cornhouse red. But them chickens were wiser than we. They were crowing for 1900. Before that time comes hundreds of thousands will see that in 1896 they voted to increase the value of a short crop of gold.—Solon Chase in Lewiston Journal.

HOW TO DYE STRAW BLACK.

Take about half a pound of logwood chips for each hat, and to every half pound add 4 quarts of soft water, or as much as will cover the hats. Boil the hats in this for half an hour without bruising the straw. Then remove them; add more water and a bit of copperas about the size of a bean for each hat. When quite dissolved, return the hats and simmer for 20 minutes. Lift while simmering, to get the air, then remove entirely. Rinse well in plenty of cold water and hang out in the shade to dry. When ready, stiffen the hats by brushing over with light glue, and when dry block as usual.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers.

Corn 8 cents per bushel; freight to Chicago 11 cents per bushel.—Farmers' Tribune, Des. Moines, Iowa.

A brick trust is being organized; it is time the Attorney General was "throwing a brick" or two.—People's Advocate, Ostrillon, Ga.

An Orange girl bit the ends of her beau's moustache off the other night, and she has "felt down in the mouth" ever since.—Orange, Va. Observer.

There are quite a respectable number of consumers who are inclined to the belief that Uncle Sam is afflicted with a defective tariff hearing.—Orange, Va. Observer.

A republican paper said: "A populist is a natural born kicker." It's a wonder that they ever acknowledge that a populist can be "natural born."—Dakota Ruralist.

Neighbor Thrifty's wife has been sending to market nearly all winter 30 dozen eggs every two weeks. That is a mighty good way to soften hard times.—Progressive Home.

That the Times hits the nail on the head when it says that what Brockton needs most is not more factories, but more business for what factories it has.—Brockton, Mass., Diamond.

Senator Peffer says: "If the rich are to rule, let them pay the taxes." The trouble about that is, that as long as the rich rule, they never will pay their taxes.—Ottawa, Kan., Journal.

The tale is now out that some of these large eastern national banks are based on confidence. How about that story that the government was back of them?—Council Grove, Kan., Courier.

Once in a while we find a very untidy housekeeper, but to the credit of the women be it said, there are more men untidy in doors than there are women untidy in doors.—Progressive Home.

If the price of silver bullion can be doubled or even materially enhanced by legislation, why can't the prices of wheat, corn, cotton and tobacco be enhanced by the same process?—Southern Mercury, Dallas, Texas.

The Washington female physician who willed that her body should be dissected by feminine medical students bestowed a high favor upon her sex and showed a desire to gratify the passion every woman has to pick another woman to pieces.—Grange Advocate.

They all admit that present deplorable conditions are the result of the maladministration of public affairs. About the only difference of opinion is among the Democrats, who say the Republicans are to blame, while the Republicans assert that the Democrats are the guilty parties. The intelligent citizen, not blinded by party prejudice, knows that both parties are to blame.—Citizen, Tulare Valley, Cal.